

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method comprising:
2 storing a plurality of content categories; and
3 identifying, according to properties returned by a plurality of search engines, at least one
4 search engine suited to service a query having at least one content category of the
5 plurality of content categories.

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1 2. The method of claim 1 in which identifying the at least one search engine further
2 comprises:

3 identifying at least one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the
4 query.

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1 3. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

2 analyzing the content of a query to determine the at least one content category of the
3 query; and
4 identifying at least one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the
5 query according to the content category.

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1 4. The method of claim 2 in which identifying at least one domain of the at least one
2 search engine suited to service the query further comprises:

3 identifying the at least one domain according to a scope of the query.

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5. The method of claim 1 in which at least one content category of the plurality of content categories further comprises:
child categories.

1 6. An article comprising:
2 a machine-readable medium comprising instructions which, when executed by a
3 processor, result in:
4 storing a plurality of content categories; and
5 identifying, according to properties returned by a plurality of search engines, at least one
6 search engine suited to service a query having at least one content category of the
7 plurality of content categories.

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1 7. The article of claim 6 in which execution of the instructions to identify the at least
2 one search engine further results in:
3 identifying at least one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the
4 query.

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1 8. The article of claim 6, further comprising instructions which, when executed by the
2 processor, result in:
3 analyzing the content of a query to determine the at least one content category of the
4 query; and
5 identifying at least one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the
6 query according to the content category.

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1 9. The article of claim 7 in which execution of the instructions to identify the at least
2 one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the query further results
3 in:
4 identifying the at least one domain according to a scope of the query.

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1 10. The article of claim 6 in which at least one content category of the plurality of content
2 categories further comprises:
3 child categories.

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1 11. A system comprising:
2 a processor; and
3 a machine-readable medium comprising instructions which, when executed by the
4 processor, result in:
5 storing a plurality of content categories; and
6 identifying, according to properties returned by a plurality of search engines, at least one
7 search engine suited to service a query having at least one content category of the
8 plurality of content categories.

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1 12. The system of claim 11 in which execution of the instructions to identify the at least
2 one search engine further results in:
3 identifying at least one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the
4 query.

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1 13. The system of claim 11, further comprising instructions which, when executed by the
2 processor, result in:

3 analyzing the content of a query to determine the at least one content category of the
4 query; and
5 identifying at least one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the
6 query according to the content category.

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1 14. The system of claim 12 in which execution of the instructions to identify the at least
2 one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the query further results
3 in:

4 identifying the at least one domain according to a scope of the query.

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1 15. The system of claim 11 in which at least one content category of the plurality of
2 content categories further comprises:
3 child categories.